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INFORM CONSULS

VIENNA PASS USDEL MBFR

KUWAIT POUCH MUSCAT AND DOHA

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1. CEASEFIRE. NO SIGNIFICANT VIOLATIONS HAVE BEEN REPORTED
AND THERE APPEARS TO BE NO CHANGE IN CEASEFIRE SITUATION.
USDAO IN AMMAN REPORTS KUWAITI INFANTRY BRIGADE TRANSITING
IRAQ ARRIVING IN SYRIA NOV. 5. ALL IRAQI UNITS HAVE DEP -

DEPARTED SYRIA EXCEPT FOR FEW LOGISTICAL UNITS. JORDIAN UNITS NOT LIKELY TO LEAVE SYRIA TILL AFTER SECRETARY'S VISIT TO AMMAN. USDAO SAYS RELIABLE SOURCE CLAIMS THAT PAKISTAN IS SUPPLYING JORDAN WITH MORTAR AND ARTILLERY AMMUNITION FROM STOCKS ORIGINALLY SUPPLIED TO PAKISTAN BY IRAN DURING LAST INDO-PAK WAR.

2. DIPLOMATIC DEVELOPMENTS. REUTER FROM BUCHAREST REPORTS INTENSE SPECULATION IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES THAT EBAN IS IN ROMANIA FOR SECRET CONTACTS WITH SOVIET AND ARAB OFFICIALS. ISRAELI EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN BUCHAREST, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN ASKED BY GOR NOT TO DISCLOSE DETAILS OF EBAN'S PROGRAM. MEANWHILE, P.M. MEIR ON ARRIVAL IN ISRAEL FROM THE US ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING THAT DESPITE DISAGREEMENTS, US-ISRAEL FRIENDSHIP WAS UNCHANGED. MRS. MEIR AND SECRETARY KISSINGER SPENT MANY HOURS IN TRYING TO DEFINE THE POINTS ON WHICH U.S. AND ISRAEL AGREED AND THOSE ON WHICH THEY TEMPORARILY (SHE HOPED) DISAGREED. MRS. MEIR ADDED THAT TALKS WERE HELD IN SPIRIT OF "GREAT FRIENDSHIP".

3. EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS BRIEFING BY FRG EMBASSY SOURCE ON SCHEEL'S TALKS WITH SOVIETS. ACCORDING TO SOURCE SOVIETS WERE QUITE CRITICAL OF US, WITH KOSYGIN URGING THAT EUROPEANS TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEIR OIL NEEDS AS DISTINGUISHED FROM US OIL NEEDS. ON MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS GROMYKO LEFT GERMANS WITH IMPRESSION THAT WHILE SOVIETS CONTINUE TO TAKE CUE FROM EGYPT, MOSCOW DID NOT SEEM LOCKED INTO ARGUING THAT ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL TO OCTOBER 22 LINES MUST PRECEDE NEGOTIATIONS. REUTERS FROM DAMASCUS ON NOV. 5 QUOTES SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER AS SAYING SYRIA AND EGYPT FIRMLY REJECTED WHAT IS TERMED DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

4. OIL. UPI REPORTS THAT OPEC COUNTRIES AGREED TO RAISE CUTBACK ANNOUNCED OCTOBER 17 FROM 5 TO 25 PERCENT. SAME REPORT STATES THAT NIGERIA HAS DECIDED TO DOUBLE PRICE OF CRUDE OIL TO \$8.31 PER BARREL.

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5. EGYPT. EGYPTIAN PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY ISSUED STATEMENT NOV. 5 VOICING "ABSOLUTE CONFIDENCE" IN SADAT AND NOTING ASSEMBLY'S "REALIZATION OF POSITIVE ROLE" US CAN PLAY IN BOLSTERING WORLD PEACE. STATEMENT ALSO GREETES "VALIANT" SYRIAN ARMY AND OTHER ARAB FORCES; EXPRESSES "PROFOUND GRATITUDE" TO ARAB KINGS AND PRESIDENTS; AND NOTES "APPRECIATION" FOR STAND TAKEN BY SOVIETS AND AFRICAN STATES.

6. PALESTINIANS- EMBASSY BEIRUT REPORTS HIGH LEVEL FATAH MEETINGS OVER PAST WEEK HAD RESULTED IN AMBIGUOUS COMMUNIQUE DECLARING IN EFFECT THAT NO RPT NO DECISION REACHED ON FEDAYEEN PARTICIPATION IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE

NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE FATAH LEADERSHIP APPEARS INTENT ON LEAVING ALL OPTIONS OPEN, LEBANESE PRESIDENT FRANGIE REPORTEDLY URGED FEDAYEEN TO DEFINE THEIR POSITION RE PARTICIPATION IN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN ORDER TO GIVE ARAB GOVERNMENTS CLEARER IDEA OF WHERE THEY STAND. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY STOCKHOLM REPORTS SOME 400 "NOT ESPECIALLY SPIRITED" DEMONSTRATORS SUPPORTING PALESTINIAN CAUSE MARCHED TO EMBASSY NOVEMBER 3.

7. UNEF AIRLIFT BEGINNING TODAY AND CONCLUDING TOMORROW, FIVE USAF JETS WILL AIRLIFT IRISH CONTINGENT OF 134 MEN AND ABOUT 77 TONS OF CARGO AND BAGGAGE TO CAIRO FROM DUBLIN. FIRST OF THESE AIRCRAFT HAS ALREADY ARRIVED IN CAIRO, AND WE ARE EXPERIENCING NO FURTHER DIFFICULTIES WITH LANDING AND OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES THERE.

8. WE HAVE NO FURTHER REQUESTS FOR AIRLIFT; INDONESIANS WILL PROBABLY WANT US TO AIRLIFT THEIR BATTALION TO CAIRO IN MID-NOVEMBER, AND WE MAY WELL BE TASKED WITH PERUVIAN OF UN SUPPLIES FROM PISA TO CAIRO (2 MISSIONS) AND USAF LIFT OF FINNISH ADVANCE PARTY FROM HELSINKI TO CAIRO (2 MISSIONS) OVER THE WEEKEND. AT FINNISH REQUEST, THE RUSSIANS -- USING SOME 40 AIRCRAFT -- WILL COMPLETE FINNISH LIFT ON 5 AND 6 NOVEMBER.

9. AIRLIFT REIMBURSEMENT. WE ARE GRAPPLING TODAY WITH IMPLICATIONS OF UN'S REFUSAL TO CONSIDER COSTS OF UNEF
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AIRLIFT ON REIMBURSABLE BASIS. USSR HAS ALREADY AGREED TO CARRY OUT ITS UNEF AIRLIFT MISSIONS WITHOUT REIMBURSEMENT; BRITISH MISSIONS FLOWN THUS FAR (CYPRUS TO CAIRO) HAVE ALSO BEEN "ON THE HOUSE".

10. UNEF COMPOSITION. BY TOMORROW UNEF STRENGTH WILL BE 1642 SWEDES, FINNS, AUSTRIANS, AND IRISHMEN. ADDITIONAL CONTINGENTS SCHEDULED FOR ARRIVAL LATER THIS MONTH WILL BROADEN THIS GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION -- 600 INDONESIANS, WITH ETA OF ABOUT 15 NOVEMBER, AND 500 PERUVIANS LATER. IN ANTICIPATION OF THEIR CONTRIBUTION, INDONESIANS HAVE REQUESTED SPEED-UP IN CERTAIN KINDS OF MAP EQUIPMENT AND HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO BORROW OTHER ITEMS, MAINLY CERTAIN KINDS OF COLD WEATHER GEAR. THEY ALSO WANT SOME MONEY. THE TOTAL SHOPPING LIST IS \$288,000. DIFFICULTIES STILL PLAGUE THE PLANNERS WITH REGARD TO AN AFRICAN CONTINGENT, BUT GHANA HAS REAFFIRMED ITS WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE ONE BATTALION. RUSH

NOTE BY OCT: POUCHED SUVA, CURACAO, MARTINIQUE, AND BANJUL.

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